

PLACE ON AGENCY LETTERHEAD

March XX, 2017

The Honorable Blanca E. Rubio
Chair, Assembly Human Services Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1106 (Weber) Child care and development services: alternative payment programs: military families - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Rubio:

On behalf of **INSERT AGENCY NAME**, we would like to communicate our **SUPPORT** of AB 1106, a bill which permits the Superintendent of Public Instruction to create a contracting process to permit Alternative Payment Programs (APPs) to expend their yearly allocated monies over 36 months. This bill also excludes the military allowance from being reported as income when determining eligibility for child care and early learning programs.

1 paragraph on what it would mean to keep your CAPP dollars for an additional 36 months or to keep dollars with the agency versus sending dollars back.

APPs are community based delivery systems of public and private nonprofits that help families arrange for child care, early education, and other social services. The program helps working families, especially single mothers, on their quest to self-sufficiency. For these community based agencies, they must often make projections factoring in eligibility enrollments, attrition rates and allocation. Contract allocations, beginning on July 1st, are roughly 23-25% of the total contract amount. The remaining allocations come roughly in January, April, and often times in August/September after the close of the contract year.

For families beginning the eligibility process in May or June, the likelihood of completing that process in time to meet the requirement is low. As a result, the family receives no support and the agency is not funded for the process that has started. A recent report conducted by the California Budget and Policy center concluded that there are over 1.5 million children that are eligible for subsidized child care.¹ Many of these families and children are missing out on services as a result of monies being sent back to the general fund.

AB 1106 would allow each community based agency to maximize the allocated dollars directly to supporting working families.

This bill is good public policy and supports working families and children. For this and the reasons stated above, **AGENCY NAME SUPPORTS AB 1106.**

Sincerely,

Name and Title
Agency Name

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¹ <http://calbudgetcenter.org/resources/1-2-million-california-children-eligible-subsidized-child-care-not-receive-services-state-programs-2015/>